

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

County jobless rates released for July 2012 to July 2013

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 22, 2013) – Unemployment rates decreased in 72 Kentucky counties between July 2012 and July 2013, while 42 county rates rose and six stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.8 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 6.4 percent; Oldham County, 6.5 percent; Scott County, 6.6 percent; Carlisle County, 6.7 percent; Jessamine and Simpson counties, 6.8 percent each; Daviess and Franklin counties, 6.9 percent each, and Boone, Hancock and Owen counties, 7 percent each.

Harlan County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17.2 percent. It was followed by Leslie County, 16.9 percent; Magoffin County, 16.8 percent; Letcher County, 16.3 percent; Fulton County, 15.7 percent; Knott County, 15 percent; Bell County, 14.5 percent; Jackson County, 13.9 percent; Wolfe County, 13.5 percent; and McCreary County, 13.4 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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